(b) the details of steps taken/initiated to deal with the demand for a separate Bodoland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) and (b) There was a demand from the Plains Tribals in Assam, particularly the Bodos for creating a Union Territory/separate State for them out of the State of Assam. An Accord was signed on 20th February, 1993 between the Bodo leaders and the Government of Assam under which it was decided to set-up a Bodoland Autonomous Council. In pursuance of this, the Bodoland Autonomous Council (BAC) Act was passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly in 1993 and it received the assent of the President of India on 13th May, 1993. A nominated Interim Council was set-up pending elections to Bodoland Autonomous Council. The area of the Council was also notified by the State Government. Some of the salient features of the implementation of the Bodo Acord till date are that the area of BAC has been demarcated; 776 persons have been recruited to CPMF; 51 non-TADA cases have been withdrawn; and 28 TADA and 114 non-TADA cases have been recommended for withdrawal; under rehabilitation scheme loans have been sanctioned to 1046 Bodo surrenderees and ex-gratia payment has been made in respect of 135 cases. The implementation of the Accord is regularly reviewed in the Ministry of Home Affairs and these review meeting are attended by representatives from the Govt. of Assam, and the BAC. The last review was held on 19.1.96.

Subsidisedwheat to small bread manufacturers

207. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to supply subsidised wheat to small bread manufacturers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have issued subsidised wheat only to Modern Food Industries Ltd. (MFIL) and not to other small bread manufactureres and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the subsidised rate per tonne at which wheat is supplied to MFIL as against the market price per tonne; and

(d) whether Government have received any representations from the All India dread Manufactureres Association against this discrimination and if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government, after careful consideration and detailed examination has decided that for the present, the scheme for supply of wheat at concessional rates, would continue to be operative for Modern Food Industries Ltd. and its franchise units and subsequently, depending upon the availability of resources, its extension to the private bread manufactureres could be considered. In this, the Government has been guided by the following:

There are nearly 65,000 bread manufacturing units spread all over the country and the subsidy involved in allocation wheat to them at concessional rates would be very high and the Government is not able to spare financial resources at present to meet the subsidy. Besides, the Government also does not have any mechanism to monitor the proper utilisation of the wheat by these units and to ensure the corresponding reduction in prices to the consumers.

(c) Modern Food Industries Ltd. is being supplied wheat at Rs. 1000.00 per tonne less than the Central Issue price (CIP) of Rs. 4020.00 per tonne.

(d) Yes, Sir. The representation from the All India Bread Manufacturers Association has been duly considered while arriving at the decision mentioned at (b) above.

Export of skimmed milk powder

208. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of skimmed milk powder exported to foreign countries during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) the rate of export compared to indigenous market; and

(c) the total milk production in the country and steps to boost the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Country-wise export of skimmed milk powder for the year 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is annexed as statement (see below)

(b) APEDA had fixed a cut off price of USD 2000 MT, FOB for export of milk powder in Sept. '95. The current average prices for export of skimmed milk powder are USD 2025 PMT, FOB. As per the trade sources, the prevailing domestic prices of SMP ranges between Rs. 60,000/- to Rs. 65,000/- PMT.

(c) The provisional estimated total milk production in the country during 1994-95 was 63.27 million tonnes. Government has taken various steps to increase the milk production which inter-alia include programmes under Operation Flood, Breed Improvement Programmes like Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and Bull Production Programme, Fodder Development Programmes, Disease Eradication Programmes like rinderpest eradication, and assistance to States for control of animal diseases etc. In addition, States also have their own programmes and some of the private sector companies/ organisations are also engaged in the programmes for increasing the milk production.

Statement

Country wise export of skimmed milk powder

(QTY : IN MT, VALUE : IN RS/LAKHS)

	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Bahrain						
Bangladesh	40.00	19.06	169.10	69.04	16.0	6.29
Belgium					1224.0	445.50
Djibouti					16.0	6.62
Malaysia					21.9	6.50
Mauritius			15.0	7.96	75.1	27.00
Nepal			0.72	0.57	16.0	6.75
Netherlands					24.0	15.85
Oman					2243.5	737.06
Philippines					15.0	6.10
Singapore	10.00	14.70			719.50	268.87
Sri Lanka			227.4	90.34	55.87	22.08
Tanzania					478.05	228.39